Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (previously canceled)
- 2. (previously canceled)
- 3. (previously amended) A method for treatment of high whole blood viscosity in a patient comprising administering in a treatment regimen to said patient an effective amount of a composition comprising

where R is CH₃ or an alkyl, wherein said effective amount causes a reduction in whole blood viscosity in said patient.

- 4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein said alkyl having 2 to 6 carbons.
- 5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.
 - 6. (withdrawn)
 - 7. (withdrawn)
 - 8. (withdrawn)
 - 9. (withdrawn)
 - 10. (withdrawn)
 - 11. (withdrawn)

12. (previously amended) A method for treating a patient having a disease characterized by abnormally viscous whole blood comprising administering in a treatment regimen to said patient an effective amount of a composition comprising

where R is CH₃ or an alkyl, wherein said effective amount causes a reduction in whole blood viscosity in said patient.

- 13. (previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said alkyl having 2 to 6 carbons.
- 14. (previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.
- 15. (previously presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.
- 16. (previously presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.